
INFORMATION BULLETIN

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Northwest Fire Centre

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Hot, dry weather increases wildfire activity

Watson Lake—Due to hot and dry weather conditions in the area, smoke is expected to increase for the 8,589-hectare Tisigar Lake wildfire.

Although there has been minimal growth on the Tisigar Lake wildfire since last week, fire intensity will likely increase due to forecasted weather conditions. Local residents and drivers on Highway 37 will likely see smoke in the area. The Wildfire Management Branch reminds everyone to drive with caution. If you have concerns about smoke and your health, please consult your local health authority or visit <http://www.northernhealth.ca/YourHealth/HealthAlerts/EmergencyInformationForestFires.aspx>.

Currently, over 170 personnel and 4 pieces of heavy equipment are on site. Crews are continuing to make excellent progress on this fire and are working to extinguish hotspots 100 feet in from the control line. Today, firefighters are working on extinguishing a portion of the fire that crossed the Dease River. Wildfire Management Branch personnel are monitoring wildfire activity to ensure the fire does not pose a threat to people or other identified values.

The restricted area order is still in place and applies to all Crown Land from one kilometre north of Wheeler Lake to the Beaver Dam rest stop and 25 kilometres east and west of Highway 37. People may enter this area only in the course of travelling to and from their residence or when using Highway 37 as defined in the Highway Act.

For information on wildfires in British Columbia, please visit our website at www.bcwildfire.ca or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bcforestfireinfo.

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